



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 17, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is an essential public service that has traditionally served as the safety net for the American health care system. EMS team members such as doctors, nurses, paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, administrators and educators are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Studies have shown that access to quality pre-hospital and emergency department care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury.

“In Los Angeles County, 21 paramedic base hospitals and 54 receiving hospitals open their doors to patients who require immediate medical attention. Each day, 42 fire departments and 14 private ambulance companies dispatch their paramedic units onto the streets and freeways, into the cities and neighborhoods, in response to 9-1-1 requests for help. Each of these entities has an essential job to perform as part of a coordinated system of care, and Americans benefit daily from their knowledge and skills.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed May 15 through 21, 2005 as “National Emergency Medical Services Week” throughout Los Angeles County, to recognize the value of the Emergency Medical Services system and the accomplishments of all its participants

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